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In re application of:

DONALD G. WALLACE et al.

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For: FRAGMENTED POLYMERIC
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
THEIR USE

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2002, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 19-33 as follows. A complete set of pending claims is provided for your convenience in Appendix A attached hereto.

19. The hydrogel of claim 1, having a subunit size when fully hydrated in the range from 0.01 mm to 5 mm.

20. The hydrogel of claim 1, having an equilibrium swell from 400% to 5000%.